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Posey honored at Capitol

• Portrait of Alexander Posey dedicated to Senate

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ALEX POSEY Unveiled at Senate

OKLAHOMA CITY — Mike Wimmer's rendering of Alexander Posey was displayed during the Senate session. Attending the ceremony were descendants of Posey, MCN officials and the Senate.

The portrait was sponsored by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and Sen. Jerry Smith. National Council Rep., Salina Jayne-Dorman of McIntosh District was the sponsor for the bill, which made the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's involvement with this project possible. Jerry Smith, who served as Senator for District 39 from 1981 to 2004, played an integral role in the dedication of the portrait.

Dorman said, "A citizen brought the project to my attention." From there she was able to contact those already working to get the painting completed. They were happy that the MCN became a sponsor for the historical painting. The Oklahoma Historical Paintings for the Oklahoma State Senate are viewable online at www.oksenate.gov.



MNN/Angel Ellis

Pictured above is the unveiling of the rendering of Alexander Posey. The portrait by Mike Wimmer was uncovered publicly and dedicated during the Senate session. The portrait became a part of the Oklahoma Historical Paintings for the Oklahoma State Senate.

MNN/Angel Ellis

"The Walk a Mile in Her shoes"

• Fashionable event aimed to raise awareness of sexual assault

Media Release

Family Violence Prevention Program

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program sponsored a "Walk a Mile In Her Shoes" national awareness event on Fri., April 24 at 10 a.m., at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Complex.

Each participant, male or female, wore women's shoes or high heels throughout the designated mile-long route. The entry fee for participants was a donation of a health item or necessity for women and children such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, towels, children's underwear, shampoo feminine products.

Inspired by the old saying "You can't understand a person's experience until you have walked a mile in their shoes," courageous men (and women) across the country, boldly walked in the women's shoes.

Sexual assault is not just a woman's issue and every time a man's voice joins those of women in speaking out against rape, the world becomes a safer place for all. It affects the men who care about them, their families, their friends, their coworkers and their communities.

Reports have uncovered some unnerving statistics regarding the topic, including the fact that every two minutes, someone in America is raped. One in six American women



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Pictured above are Muscogee (Creek) Nation employees and officials who participated in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event on Fri., April 24 held at the MCN Tribal Complex.

are victims of sexual assault during their lifetime.

That means someone you know, someone you care about, has been or may become the victim of sexual violence. It may be your mother, your sister, your friend, your girlfriend, your wife, your coworker or your daughter.

According to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Director of Community Services Dr. Danette McIntosh who spoke at the event, awareness is crucial for prevention of this silent crime.

"We all have a part in this. We need to be constantly aware about

what sexual violence is. It's not just rape, it's all the different issues; whether it's harassment, intimidation, peeping, all kinds of things. We need to be aware, we need to be informed, we need to talk about it to our kids, our employees our families. Stand up and say, 'it's not acceptable,'" McIntosh said.

For more information on this event, or for a complete list of donation items needed by the Family Violence Prevention Program, please contact Denise McCrary at Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services at (918) 732-7869.

Chief prevails in request for preliminary injunction

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — On April 21, 2009, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court issued a decision on the court case of A.D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Bristow Muscogee Indian Community, Checotah Muscogee Creek Indian Community, Duck Creek Indian Community, Eu-aula Indian Community, Holdenville Creek Indian Community and Okemah Indian Community, Chartered Communities of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The following are excerpts of Court Case No. CV-2009-33 released on April 21, 2009.

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"...given the vast sums controlled by the Defendant Communities under the illegal and invalid '50/50 split' the Muscogee (Creek) people have been denied what is rightfully theirs under Federal law."

- CV 09-33

MCN District Court Order

MCN Communications now offering 24-hour "News Tip Line"

by Starla Bush

MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department now offers a 24-hour "News Tip Line." Though the Communications Department regularly covers events after-hours, this tip line may be used for breaking news updates. The lines are to be used after 5 p.m., Mon., through Fri., and anytime on weekends. As always, for news tips, story ideas or event coverage requests dur-

ing office hours, citizens may contact the department at (918) 732-7720 Mon., through Fri., from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tips will be given consideration for inclusion in all MCN media outlets. The two tip line numbers are (918) 894-9352 and (918) 894-9299. When calling the line, please include name, telephone number and event information and/or suggestion.

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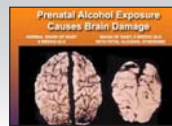
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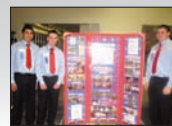
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Letter from the Editor



H e n s c i readers, hope you bought a good pair of rain boots for last month. It's certainly not ideal for driv-ing, but my little hydrangeas in the front yard certainly have enjoyed it.

Mother's Day is coming up on Sun., May 10, so be sure to tell your mothers, grandmothers, aunts, wives, sisters, nieces and all the special women in your life how much you love and appreci-ate them.

I could go on for a mile or two about the impact the women in my family have had on me. On both sides of my family I was sur-rounded by beautiful, intelligent and strong women who taught me that I really can do anything if I put in the time and effort to reach the goals I set for myself. I'm still amazed at the fact my mom was able to exhibit such a calm spirit even when dealing with me when I was throwing fits in the middle of the store or church. I hope I can do the same when I become a mother some day.

We are making some changes to the printing schedule and are working to put together an e-mail subscription list. If you would be interested in getting the MNN and/or Extra Edition through e-mail, send an e-mail with your name, address and roll number to MNN@muscokeegenation-nsn.gov. There will be more information on this topic available soon! Mvto.

From the Office of the Second Chief

Second Opinion

Submitted April 28, 2009

HENSCI! In this month's *Second Opinion*, I would like to address two very important items for the Muscogee Creek Nation that come through the doors of my office. First, I will include the second quarter report of the Nation, which I gave to the Council and Creek citizens on April 25, 2009.

The second story would be to give an update on the con-tinuing struggle and increasing usage of methamphetamine and the progress of the "Don't Let Meth Fool You!" campaign.

FY 2009 SEC-OND QUARTER REPORT HIGH-LIGHTS (Jan. 1 - March 31, 2009):

As of March 31, 2009, the total en-rollment of Muscogee Creek citizens was 67,895.

On March 31, 2009, the Muscogee Creek Nation opened the doors to the new 300,000 sq. ft. River Spirit Casino located in Tulsa, Okla. The casino employs ap-proximately 1300 people; of which 650 are new jobs brought to the City of Tulsa.

The River Spirit Casino has 2,745 high-tech electronic games, 24 table games and 15 poker tables. The facility fea-tures four world-class food and beverage venues including the largest casino buffet in Okla., a fine dining establishment, a 24 hour café and live entertainment six nights per week.

Personnel - Perry Anderson
-Reported 80 new hires

Housing - Ron Qualls
-73 contracts which include: 40 rehabilitated homes, 10 alternative homes, 23 new constructions
-Completion of 97 emergencies

for Privately Owned Home Rehabilita-tion.
Food Distribution (eligible Native households served):

- January 2639
- February-2685
- March-2510

C o m m u n i t y Services - Dr. Danette McIntosh

-Social Services
•Approved 1797 households

• E x p e n d e d \$806,192.00

Also under Dr. McIntosh's direction are Children & Family Ser-vices Administration, Community Research & Development, Office of Child Care and tribal TANF.

Higher Education – Chanenna Da-vis

-1,554 students funded by five pro-grams totaling \$1,511,082 and adminis-tered the Higher Education Johnson O'Malley Program-Virginia Thomas

- FY 09 budget for 16,500 students is \$60 per student
- Completed all 47 schools' JOM pro-gram monitoring visits with 94 percent in compliance

Human Development - Louis Hicks
- Employment and Training
- Tribal & Incentive Grant Program (approved vocational institutions) fund-ed 109 students

- Incentive Grant funded 97 students (program completed w/ a minimum 3.0 GPA).
Tourism & Recreation - Cherokee Hicks
- The schedule for the 2009 Creek Nation Festival is complete.

- The department continues to meet

with surrounding Native Nations and statewide agencies to explore tourism op-portunities.

Tribal Affairs - Robert Miller

- 4-H Program has assisted 350-400 Creek youth with livestock and livestock shows.

- Federal Roads has completed the Will Sampson roadway in Preston

- Farm Operations have increased to 157 cows, 145 calves and seven bulls

- Natural Resources has recently cleared 50 acres of cedar and planted Ber-muda grass

- Transportation is addressing the possible stimulus money by updating the fleet to include transports that will run on compressed natural gas.

- Tribal Construction has completed the Okmulgee Smoke Shop

- The Dental Clinic in Okemah is scheduled for completion in mid-May

- The architects for the Omniplex Multi-Purpose Building have finished the design development and have turned over drawings to the engineer for design of construction documents

- Grants submitted and pending for the quarter:

1. NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act): (Data Base Collection for information gathering on remains and funerary ob-jects in the homelands and to set up a model for eventual repatriation) submit-ted to the National Park Service. Amount: \$89,986.(Hickory Ground will serve as the lead model for data collection and repa-triation)

2. SMART Grant (Adam Walsh Act Department of Justice): Sex Offender Registry Program to set up the program within the MCN Lighthouse Department. Amount: \$103,874.00

3. USDA (U.S. Department of Ag-ric.) RBEG Grant. Amount: \$300,000 for economic development (facilities) on 40-

acre site

4. Researching and sharing infor-mation with directors on available Eco-nomic Stimulus (RECOVERY ACT) grants

Planner:

• Master Plan Committee: The Space programming needs for the cli-ent based services and the Executive Branch programs have been researched and compiled with current and future space needs prepared in professional report format.

• Provided Planning technical as-sistance and served on subcommittees on several other projects: on both open HUD ICDBG projects multipurpose building on Omniplex and tribal col-lege building; Green Committee; CDFI Committee.

In a recent column, I indicated that we, the Muscogee Creek Nation, have taken on the battle with one of the most addictive drugs of our time. In order to confront this problem as a Nation, we must expand our base of knowledge as it relates to meth usage, production, crime and the devastating effects it has on the family.

Currently, our departments are meeting to devise a plan that will enable us to be effective when the need arises. The "Don't Let Meth Fool You!" cam-paign will keep our Creek citizens in-formed of the progress but your input is vital to the success of the ongoing battle with methamphetamine. Shortly, public service announcements will be aired on television, posters will be distributed and trainings will be conducted in the communities.

Please feel free to contact my office for further information. It is going to take all of us, together, to help one an-other combat this dilemma.

Sincerely,
Second Chief Alfred Berryhill

District Court filings for Dec. 2008 (continued)

Criminal Felonies:

MCN v. Lindsey England
MCN v. Teresa Tiger
MCN v. Allison Hill
MCN v. Sandy Lindsey
MCN v. Ellie Mae Factor

Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs
Ct. 1: Fraud or False Pretenses
Ct. 1: Embezzlement
Ct. 1: Embezzlement
Ct. 1: Embezzlement
Ct. 2: Embezzlement
Ct. 3: Embezzlement

Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs
Ct. 2: Possession of Illegal Drugs
Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct

MCN v. Tamrah Deo

MCN v. Ronald Cleghorn

Traffic:

MCN v. William James
MCN v. Robert McIntosh
MCN v. Lisa Williams
MCN v. Michael Caves

Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: Starting, Turning, and Stop ping without Regard to Safety
Ct. 1: DUS
Ct. 1: Starting, Turning, and Stop ping without Regard to Safety
Ct. 1: DUS
Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: No Insurance
Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: DUS
Ct. 1: Transporting Open

MCN v. Michael Caves
MCN v. David Waller

MCN v. David Waller
MCN v. Lee Delatoree
MCN v. Lee Delatoree
MCN v. Judy Carson
MCN v. Seth Malone
MCN v. Seth Malone
MCN v. Seth Malone
MCN v. Stevan Brown
MCN v. Stevan Brown
MCN v. Sara Patterson

Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: No Insurance
Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
Ct. 1: Expired Tag
Ct. 1: No Driver's License
Ct. 1: Sale or Delivery of Tobacco Products to a minor child prohibited
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MCN v. Michelle Vintaloro

MCN v. Stephanie Perryman

MCN v. Glenda Mosier

MCN v. Trina Ramsey

MCN v. Kimberly Kellogg
MCN v. Shannon Poteete
MCN v. Shannon Poteete
MCN v. Robert Havas
MCN v. Jaron Baker
MCN v. Keshia Crawford
MCN v. Damian Sheely
MCN v. Dennis Humphrey
MCN v. Frank Forrest
MCN v. Frank Forrest
MCN v. Billy Walker
MCN v. Billy Walker

Ct. 1: Driving Under Suspension
Ct. 1: Transporting Open Container
Ct. 1: No Driver's License
Ct. 1: No Insurance

MCN v. Charles Ray
MCN v. Samuel Little
out regard to Safety
MCN v. Joseph Hunt
MCN v. Joseph Hunt
MCN v. Jimmy Ogle
MCN v. Jimmy Ogle

Ct. 1: DUS
Ct. 1: Starting, Turning, and Stopping with-

Ct. 1: DUS
Ct. 1: No Insurance
Ct. 1: No Insurance
Ct. 1: Expired Tag

District Court filings for Jan. 2009

Civil:

Alexandria Marshall v. Rodell Alexander Petition
Bell Finance v. Diana Beasley Small Claims
Bell Finance v. Mandy Harjo Small Claims
Sun Loan Company v. Robert Deer Jr. Small Claims
Bonnie Yahola v. Irma Talamantes Petition
Saber Acceptance Inc., v. Christie Smith Petition
Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Cash Jackpot, \$2,500.00 Notice of
Seizure and Intended Forfeiture
Royal Finance v. Patricia Frye Small Claims
Tulsa Adjustment Bureau v. Norma Thompson Foreign Judgment

Divorce:

Joanna King v. William Petree Divorce

Legal Notices (continued on A4)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT
FILED
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: 2009 APR 22 CASE NO. AD 2009-07
M. L. H. A.
A minor child.
NANCY JUKICH
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION
SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE
To: KRISTI JO HUNTS ALONG
TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for adoption of a Minor Child in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, AD 2009-07, styled In re the Adoption of M.L.H.A., a minor child. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to adoption over the minor child based on abandonment.
You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 16th day of June, 2009, or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.
Given under my hand and seal this 22 day of April, 2009.
Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court,
Okmulgee District
By: [Signature] (Deputy)
(SEAL)
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LEGISLATIVE

OKMULGEE — THE FOLLOWING CONSISTS OF ACTIONS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COUNCIL CONDUCTED AT THE **MARCH 28, REGULAR SESSION.**

MARCH 28, REGULAR SESSION

REPRESENTATIVE **CHERAH QUIETT** WAS EXCUSED. REPRESENTATIVE **KEEPER JOHNSON** WAS EXCUSED AT HIS DISCRETION.

VETO MESSAGE:

- MOTION TO LET THE VETO STAND FAILED (24-0-0) TR 09-006, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH WILDBLUE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET NEEDS FOR THE YEAGER HEAD START RETURNED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AS A VETO WITH OBJECTIONS

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- APPROVED AS AMENDED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) TR 09-020, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF HOUSING TO ENTER INTO LOCAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE VARIOUS COUNTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SPONSOR: EDDIE LAGRONE
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) TR 09-022, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH VERIZON WIRELESS AND THEIR AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICES SPONSOR: PAULA WILLITS
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) TR 09-023, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE SITE AND/OR IN EXHIBIT GALLERIES OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM SPONSOR: THOMAS YAHOLA
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) TR 09-024, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CAPITOL ONE FOR ATM SERVICES TO RIVER SPIRIT CASINO SPONSOR: PAULA WILLITS; CO-SPONSOR: SAM ALEXANDER
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) NCA 09-035, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE DIVISION OF HOUSING SPONSOR: EDDIE LAGRONE
- APPROVED TO ADOPT

(24-0-0) NCA 09-038, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 07-310 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN WITH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT) SPONSOR: KEEPER JOHNSON

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (15-9-0) NCA 09-041, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 22, CHAPTER 4 AND MCNCA TITLE 16 CHAPTER 1 TO RESTORE THE PREVIOUS LANGUAGE IN EACH TITLE AND CHAPTER ESTABLISHING THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEALTH SYSTEM AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY AND ESTABLISHING THE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND REPEALING NCA 09-028 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 22, CHAPTER 4 AND MCNCA TITLE 16, CHAPTER 1, CREATING THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION DIVISION OF HEALTH WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE NATION) SPONSOR: KARA MEDINA

REPRESENTATIVES VOTING NO WERE: **DARRELL PROCTOR, PETE BEAVER, DAVID NICHOLS, KEEPER JOHNSON, TERRIE ANDERSON, JAMES JENNINGS, STEVE BRUNER, PAULA WILLITS AND JOHNNIE GREENE.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE BILL (18-6-0) NCA 09-042, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 11. COMMUNITIES EMETVLHVMKVKE, CHAPTER 4, CHARTERED COMMUNITY USE OF TRIBAL LANDS AND BUILDING, § 4-302. RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY SPONSOR: SELINA JAYNE-DORNAN; CO-SPONSOR(S): T. SCOTT; S. ADE; R. BARNETT; A. JONES III; E. LAGRONE; D. PROCTOR; L. WIND; K. MEDINA; C. TECUMSEH-WILLIAMS; S. ALEXANDER; R. CLEGHORN

REPRESENTATIVES VOTING NO WERE: **PETE BEAVER, DAVID NICHOLS, KEEPER JOHNSON, TERRIE ANDERSON, JAMES JENNINGS AND PAULA WILLITS.**

- MOTION TO MOVE NCA 09-043 AND NCA 09-044 TO BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA (ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED) MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-1-0) NCA 09-045, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO TWIN HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPONSOR: JAMES JENNINGS; CO-SPONSOR: PETE BEAVER (\$10,000.00)

REPRESENTATIVE VOTING NO WAS **TERRIE ANDERSON.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (21-3-0) NCA 09-047, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY PARKING LOT FOR THE RIVER SPIRIT

CASINO SPONSOR: STEVE BRUNER; CO-SPONSOR(S): S. ALEXANDER; P. BEAVER; P. WILLITS (\$3,525,960.00)

REPRESENTATIVES VOTING NO WERE: **ADAM JONES III, SHIRLENE ADE AND KARA MEDINA.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) NCA 09-049, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MVSOKO LANGUAGE PROGRAM-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET SPONSOR: JAMES JENNINGS (\$32,754.00)

REPRESENTATIVE **PAULA WILLITS** WAS OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-0-0) NCA 09-050, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AWARDED TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - TRANSIT PROGRAM SPONSOR: ADAM JONES III (\$225,000.00)
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) NCA 09-051, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AWARDED TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION-REINTEGRATION PROGRAM SPONSOR: KEEPER JOHNSON; CO-SPONSOR: S. ADE; K. MEDINA (\$20,000.00)

REPRESENTATIVE **DAVID NICHOLS** WAS OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.

- POSTPONED (23-0-0) NCA 09-054, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AT SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE V, §§ SECTION 1. (a) AND (c) SPONSOR: BILL FIFE
- APPROVED TO ADOPT (21-3-0) NCA 09-055, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RISK MANAGEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GEOSPATIAL DEPARTMENT SPONSOR: DAVID NICHOLS (\$211,333.00)

REPRESENTATIVES VOTING NO WERE: **EDDIE LAGRONE; JAMES JENNINGS AND RON CLEGHORN.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-1-0) NCA 09-056, A LAW



OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST DEWAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPONSOR: CARMIN TECUMSEH-WILLIAMS (\$12,134.50)

REPRESENTATIVE VOTING NO WAS **TERRIE ANDERSON.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-1-0) NCA 09-057, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST IN SPONSORING THE 7TH ANNUAL OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR SPONSOR: ROGER BARNETT; CO-SPONSOR(S): R. HUFFT; K. MEDINA; L. WIND (\$1,500.00)

REPRESENTATIVE VOTING NO WAS **TERRIE ANDERSON.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-1-0) NCA 09-059, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) STUDENT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PEOPLE TO PEOPLE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM SPONSOR: SELINA JAYNE-DORNAN; CO-SPONSOR: ADAM JONES III (\$2,819.50)

REPRESENTATIVE VOTING NO WAS **TERRIE ANDERSON.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-1-0) NCA 09-060, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) STUDENT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR: CARMIN TECUMSEH-WILLIAMS (\$844.00)

REPRESENTATIVE VOTING NO WAS **TERRIE ANDERSON.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (24-0-0) NCA 09-061, A LAW

OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 21, § 4-102 (F), "STIPENDS/MILEAGE" TO ADJUST STIPEND RATES SPONSOR: PAULA WILLITS; CO-SPONSOR(S): R. CLEGHORN; S. ALEXANDER

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-1-0) NCA 09-064, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES SPONSOR: LENA WIND (\$5,000.00)

REPRESENTATIVE VOTING NO WAS **TERRIE ANDERSON.**

REPRESENTATIVE **KEEPER JOHNSON** WAS EXCUSED. THEREFORE, 23 PRESENT AND 3 ABSENT.

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (19-3-0) NCA 09-043, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PHASE III OF THE HANNA INDIAN COMMUNITY GARDEN/FARM PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE HANNA INDIAN COMMUNITY GARDEN/FARM PROJECT PROGRAM INCOME TO THE HANNA INDIAN COMMUNITY SPONSOR: ROGER BARNETT; CO-SPONSOR(S): S. J-DORNAN; A. JONES III (\$82,389.00)

REPRESENTATIVES VOTING NO WERE: **LARRY CAH-WEE, BILL FIFE AND JOHNNIE GREENE.**

- APPROVED TO ADOPT (23-0-0) NCA 09-044, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND RE-INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 SPONSOR: EDDIE LAGRONE (\$5,673,691.00)

Seeking nominees for 2009 Living Legends

by Thompson Gouge
MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 35th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while they are living.

Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations.

The committee will consist of the Principal Chief, Second Chief, Speaker of the National Council, all Creek Nation Directors, the Executive Director and the Judicial Branch Judge. All committee members must also be enrolled Creek citizens.

Nominees must be a Creek citizens, at least 55 years of age who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek people or Creek Nation government in areas such as art, crafts,

politics, education, and ceremonial/religious leaders.

The committee will select two individuals from submitted nominees and honor them during a ceremony on Fri., June 19 at 5:30 p.m., on the local stage at the Claude Cox Omniplex.

All nominees must be submitted to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Deadline: Wed., May 27, 2009.

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JUDICIAL

Order

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On Feb. 27, 2009 the Principal Chief filed the instant action seeking injunctive relief and an accounting in order to restore national management and/or financial control to the Nation of six (6) gaming facilities, owned by the Nation, within the territory and boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, on land held in trust by the United States for the perpetual benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Some of the gaming facilities had previously been under the management or control of the Defendants pursuant to “Facility Use Agreements” between the Nation and the Defendants. The above mention communities benefitted from the “Facility Use Agreements” expressed terms in that they retained one-half of the net gaming revenues originating at the gaming facilities situated on land mention in the Facility Use Agreement.

After careful consideration of these facts and evidence added at the hearing, the Court finds the Plaintiff Principal Chief acted in accordance with his Constitutional and statutory authority as Chief executive, deemed conditions extant at the various gaming facilities were sufficiently compelling to invoke Re-entry.

No evidence was introduced to persuade the Court that the required tax liability notices in the form of IRS Forms 1099 were ever issued to the beneficiaries of these payments as required under the above cited federal statute. Thus, such payments imperil the Nation’s continued ability to conduct gaming at these facilities while subjecting the Nation to federal civil fines.

The Court finds that the status quo revenue sharing scheme under the purported Agreements in which the affected Communities were contractually entitled to fifty per cent (50%) of the proceeds from the various facilities, which they in turn doled out to various individuals and entities without benefit of an approved Revenue Allocation Plan constituted illegal per capita payments. Such disbursements are patently illegal under the Federal Indian Regulatory Act and therefore void and properly enjoined.

The Court further finds that any per capita payments to individuals or entities pursuant to an approved Revenue Allocation Plan must be the exclusive prerogative of the Nation and not a decision left to a small political subdivision of Creek citizens comprising a Chartered Community.

The National Indian Gaming Commission wields the hammer and its interpretation of “sole proprietary interest” controls any contrary profit sharing scheme in force in this Nation must yield to Federal authority or subject the Nation to substantial civic fines under the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Moreover, legislation enacted by the National Council, now or in the future, to permit the “50-50 Split” revenue sharing scheme cannot save it because it is not permitted under the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Purely as a matter of law, the court is unable to fathom how a scheme in which one half of net proceeds from a particular Creek Gaming site becomes property of a specific Community of a minority of Creek Citizens to dispose of as they decide, while leaving the other half to the 67,895 citizen Nation, does not violate the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act’s expressed terms.

The Court also notes that “profit sharing” and per capita payments at the Defendants Communities continue to place the Nation at risk of substantial National Indian Gaming Commission fines.

The Muscogee (Creek) People have great interest in seeing upheld the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the United States. Given the civil penalties for mismanagement under the controlling federal law would be borne by all Muscogee (Creek) citizens, not merely the Defendants, the Muscogee (Creek) People are best served by National management control of the subject gaming facilities and all gaming revenues from same. Moreover, given the vast sums controlled by the Defendant Communities under the illegal and invalid “50/50 Split” The Muscogee (Creek) People have been denied what is rightfully theirs under Federal Law.

Moreover, traditionally, the Mvskokv-like shared equally in all aspects of life. All people were treated equally and tribal land was communally held for the benefit of all.

The partitioning of a particular area of tribal land for the benefit of a few citizens, while denying the majority the full bounty of that land as “50/50 Split” so clearly does, contradicts the ancient customs and traditions of the Muscogee (Creek) People who, from time immemorial, recognized only communal stewardship of tribal land and resources.

The Court orders that monies originating from the gaming revenues at each Defendants Community shall be placed by the Comptroller in separate escrow accounts, and shall be insured by pledge Treasury bills for all sums exceeding the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporate (FDIC). Accordingly, the Defendants relief is denied.

Bristow Muscogee Indian Community, Checotah Muscogee Creek Indian Community, Duck Creek Indian Community, Eufaula Indian Community, Holdenville Creek Indian Community and Okemah Indian Community, Chartered Communities of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

1) an accounting from each Defendant of all gaming revenues and expenses derived and expended from each gaming facility beginning with fiscal year 2002 through the present date;

2) preliminary injunctive relief in which the Defendants are barred from the interference with Plaintiff and his lawful agents, employees and delegates in the execution and actions authorized by Executive Orders No. 09-04 through 09-09;

3) preliminary Injunctive relief in which the Defendants are barred from using, spending, dispersing or secreting any funds, accounts, or proceeds of gaming revenues pending the above accounting and other orders of this court;

4) all accrued gaming revenue held by the Defendants shall be escrowed by the Comptroller and secured by U.S. Treasury bills for sums exceeding the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and;

5) preliminary injunctive relief in which the defendants are barred from altering, destroying or secreting financial and community records of any kind regarding the operation of gaming facilities.

Legal Notices (con’t from A2)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
C.D., A.D., C.D. and D.D.) Case No. JV-2003-19
Alleged Deprived Children)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:
Unknown Father as to A.D. and C.D.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 8th day of June, 2009 at 10:00 A.m

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Alleged Deprived Children)

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Unknown Father as to J.H.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 8th day of JUNE, 2009 at 10:00 a.m

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
D.D., DOB: 04-15-93) Case No. JV-2008-01
W.D., Jr., DOB: 08-25-01)
Deprived Children)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:
Lisa Dobbs, natural mother of W.D., Jr.
Lka: Las Vegas, NV

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 10th day of August, 2009 at 10:00 a.m

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FURTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF)
C.A.C.,)
A minor child.) Case No. GD 2009-10
Judge Patrick E. Moore

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

To: Cynthia Lyn Salmon and Felix Caballero

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for Guardianship of a Minor Child in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, GD-2009-10, styled *In re the Guardianship of C.A.C., a minor child. As the parents of this child, the Petition alleges that the Petitioner should be granted guardianship of the minor child based on abandonment.*

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner and appear at the hearing scheduled for the 12th day of May, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mound Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 2 day of April, 2009.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court,
Okmulgee District
By: Jennifer Smith (Deputy)

(SEAL)
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Letters to the Editor

Citizen comments on article

I would appreciate the opportunity to make one small correction regarding the monthly column, “From the Office of the Principal Chief” which was in the April, 2009 edition of the Muscogee Nation News.

Mr. Ellis makes reference to “cars and T-shirts around Eufaula (that) say, ‘Impeach Chief Ellis’” Neither my car nor my T-shirts say CHIEF Ellis, only ‘Impeach Ellis’ or ‘Impeach A. D. Ellis.’ I NEVER refer to him as my Chief. I do not believe Ellis truly won the last election; therefore, I do not believe Ellis IS the Chief and I do not refer to him as such. Thank you.

-Lawanta Gaye Thompson

Thank you for Housing

I would like to publicly recognize and give appreciation to our Principal Chief, A.D. Ellis and Okmulgee National Council Representative, David Nichols, for their combined efforts in working with the MCN Housing Authority to provide us a house. Without them, we might still be waiting and living in substandard housing.

The house we lived in had limited electrical outlets and I was afraid of overloading the circuits when my husband had to use his medical equipment. Now there is no need to worry in the remodeled house we live in now. I feel as though they literally saved his life.

So, to let you know how excited we were, if you have ever watched the series, “extreme home makeover,” and shared in the excitement and joy the new homeowners express when the host says, “Move that Bus”, you will know how we felt when the housing inspector gave us our keys and said, “you can move in anytime.”

The house has become our “home”, and there are not enough words to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Chief Ellis, David Nichols, and the MCN housing authority staff.

We thank the Lord for people such as yourselves, that so willingly did everything within your capabilities to provide us a house. May the Lord bless your future endeavors in serving the Muscogee Creek People.

- Susanna Barnett/Elliott Barnett

District Court filings for January 2009 (continued from A2)

Tulsa Adjustment Bureau v. Norma Thompson Foreign Judgment

Divorce:

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MCN v. Timothy Bruner
Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs

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| MCN v. Linda Berna | |
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| Ct. 1: No Insurance | |

Spirit celebrates one month

- Tulsa doled out gifts, cash and live entertainment



Pictured above is one of the many free shuttles provided by the River Spirit for patrons visiting the new facility which recently celebrated its Grand Opening Weekend May 1-3.

MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

RIVER SPIRIT Casino EXCITEMENT Continues at the Spirit

TULSA – Since the moment the doors opened, The River Spirit Casino was a hit. River Spirit Casino gave back to the patrons with their Grand Opening Weekend Celebration May 1-3.

The weekend kicked off Fri., May 1, where the first 3,000 guests received a River Spirit Casino commemorative chip as a free gift. The excitement continued with a chance to win a limited edition 2010 Chevrolet Camaro, as well as 19 other cash prizes. At 9 p.m., Derek Sholl performed a variety of country favorites in the Mystic River Lounge.

On Sat., May 2, the first annual River Spirit Derby ran from 2-7 p.m., with a chance to win \$500 cash. That evening, the Mystic River Lounge rocked when the Grammy Award-winning Blues Traveler hit the stage with a free, live performance at 9 p.m.

The weekend wrapped up on Sun., May 3 with Greg Miller's Tribute to Elvis. There were two great performances beginning at 10 a.m., and another at 2 p.m., bringing the powerful voice, dazzling energy and youthful good looks of Elvis at his peak.

MNN/Angel Ellis

Renovations at Fountainhead aim to attract locals and tourists

by Angel Ellis
MNN Senior Writer

EUFULA — Since the acquisition of Fountainhead Resort and Golf Course, there have been changes in progress. Some of the work is concentrating on aesthetics while a large portion of these major renovations are fundamental repairs and improvements. Even the name has been officially changed to "Fountainhead Creek Golf Course." Most importantly, there are some upgrades to customer service equipment as well.

On the functional side of the renovations, visitors may notice the improved irrigation system. Nearly 56 miles of pipe are being placed in order to better service the grounds. Michael Wisner, CEO of Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Trade & Commerce Authority said, "Many of the holes have not been reworked in quite a long time and it's important that we get them up to in order before going into the next steps."

There has been a measured degree of eye-pleasing work taking place. "Hole 3", which will become the signature hole of the course, is undergoing a major face lift that will include a cascading waterfall-type structure and a landscaped rock wall. Once golfers reach Hole 3, they will also be able to



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Pictured above is the ProShop at the Fountainhead Golf Course. This photo was taken in the late winter while renovations were in progress in several areas of the course.

take advantage of the wonderful view of Lake Eufaula which neighbors the course. When complete, the hole will be the defining hole of the Fountainhead Creek Golf course, but it's only one of many with a scenic view.

Another added amenity to the course are the 60 new carts which make golfing a breeze for pros and amateurs alike. Currently, the course can handle a 120-person tournament with as little

notice as five days.

Fountainhead Creek is currently grand fathering in membership. There are special discounts for Muscogee (Creek) citizens and the resident Pro offers golfing lessons, upon request. Family memberships are also available. For more information call (918) 689-3209 or visit the Fountainhead Creek Web site at: <http://www.fountainhead-golf.com/>.

Sponsorships available for 35th annual Muscogee Nation Festival

by Brian On-The-Hill
Tourism and Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival invites all people to celebrate the culture and heritage of the Muscogee people. The Festival provides thousands of people the opportunity to visit with one another, renew friendships, and create new friendships as well.

Celebrating its 35th year and renowned for exciting entertainment and numerous activities, the Festival is host to over 20,000 spectators and participants, cultural activities, outstanding entertainers, an open rodeo, sports tournaments, a parade through historic downtown Okmulgee, an art show on the Creek Council House Museum lawn, scholarship pageant, a children's fun fair and activities for senior citizens.

Because the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a large contributor to the economy of Oklahoma, we feel that the MCN Festival is the perfect opportunity for everyone to come

together and celebrate our efforts in making positive accomplishments throughout the year. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee invites any



and all parties interested in joining the celebration to become a sponsor of the MCN Festival. Sponsorships are available at

several different levels and the Festival Committee is open to developing one that fits best with your company or organization.

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7993 or toll-free at (800) 482-1979. Thank you for your consideration of becoming a 2009 MCN Festival sponsor. Please make all contributions payable to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee.

Senior Services offering summer lawn assistance for seniors

by Jackson Barnett
MCN Senior Services

OKMULGEE — The Myskoke Creek Nation Senior Services Program will again offer the lawn-cutting / tree-trimming service to Myskoke senior citizens.

The service will be available beginning Fri., May 1, 2009 and end

Sept. 30. This five-month period should enable the team to finish more yards than last year when they completed 88 yards in the span of only 26 days.

Like last year, senior services will schedule a number of yards in one community or town for each work day.

This will prevent the team from traveling from one area to another that may be many miles away, which can be very time consuming.

Those requesting assistance through this program are asked to police their yards of paper, bricks, boards,

diapers, clothes hangers and other items that may hinder work time and save the equipment from damage.

The service is set up to help our Creek senior citizens, 55 years and older, who may be unable to do this type of work for themselves or who cannot pay

for such work.

Names will continue to be taken throughout the summer. To submit contact information including name, address and phone number, please contact Jackson Barnett at (918) 732 - 7723.

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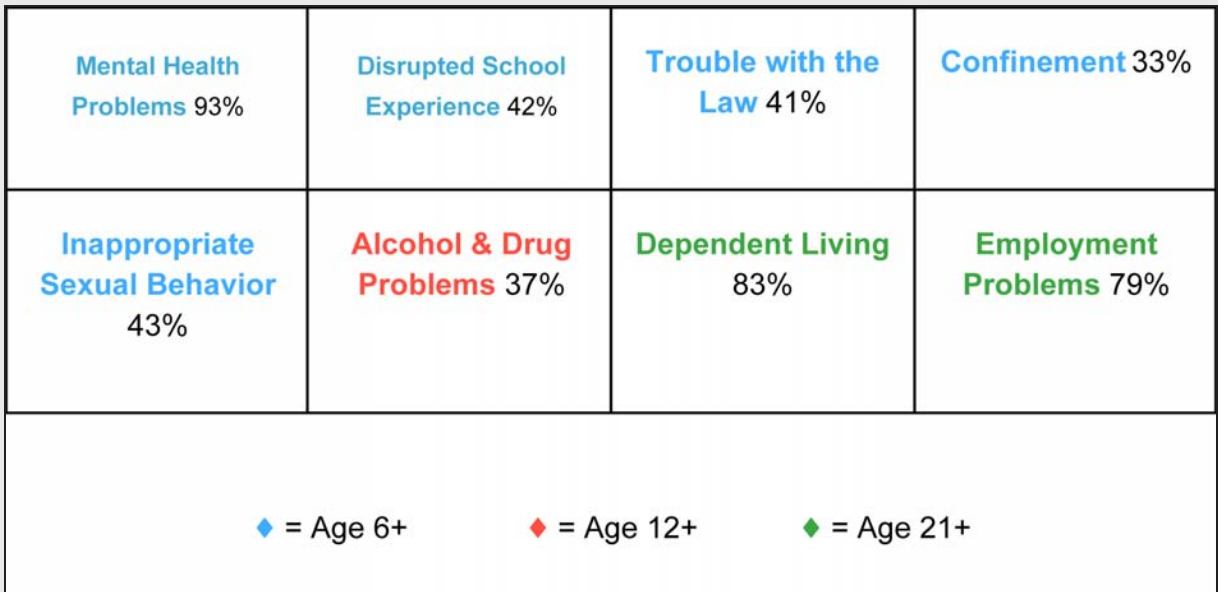
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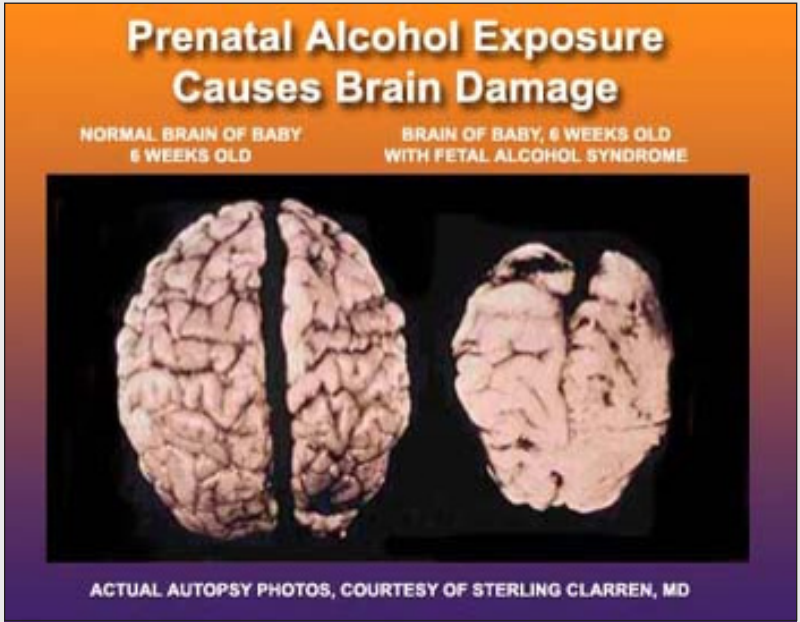
• The legacy of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome part III



Percent of FAE Population with Secondary Problems. Research by SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence, for more information, visit: fasdcenter.samhsa.gov.

by Dan Cross
Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services

TULSA — This publication has taken to the task of examining a highly prevalent, damaging, yet preventable health problem among our people, Fetal Alcohol/Drug Syndrome. In the first two articles we have looked at the prevalency of FA/DS and signs and symptoms.



In this issue we are looking at the impact of FA/DS on individuals, on families, and our people as a whole. We will look at what FA/DS “costs” in terms of dollars, pain and suffering, and comprehensive services. Dr. Rizwan Shah, Director of the Family Ecology Center in Des Moines, Iowa, estimated that in 1994 the lifetime cost of each child born with FAS was 2.4 million dollars. Imagine how much that would be in today’s inflated dollars. The health care costs for individuals with FA/DS can be staggering. If special facilities are needed, they are extremely costly. Special education costs are very high, especially if the individual needs to be placed in a special care facility. School performance, employability, criminal activity, family dysfunction, successive generations of substance abuse, etc., are all affected. No single factor has contributed to the demise of native people since their removal from their ancient tribal lands of their ancestors. The rampant incidence of FAE among Native Americans is truly today’s Trail of Tears – except this time the native people are leading themselves down the trail. In what ways does

FA/DS impact our people? Look at the table of statistics above to see what percent of people diagnosed with FA/DS are affected by the various categories: The percent of these people suffering from each of these categories of problems is astounding. Looking

services throughout the child’s life. The devastation to the brain is visible in autopsies. Notice, in the above photo comparison, the affected FA/DS brains (right) are grossly deformed and smaller than normal brains (left). “We have to do something about what we are doing to our babies’ brains,” vowed Shirlene Ade, National Council Representative, Tukvptce District. Ade challenged, “Our people must act to stop this path that we are on. We need to do this through treatment and prevention. This requires us to stand up as individuals and as a tribe to take responsibility and act.” The following are Native American treatment centers in or near the Muscogee Creek Nation service area:

- MCN Behavioral Health Services - 1313 E. 20th Okmulgee (918) 758-1910
- Koweta Indian Health Facility (MCN) - 31870 East Hwy 51, Coweta (918)279-3200
- Indian Health Care Resource Center - 550 S. Peoria Avenue, Tulsa 918-588-1900
- Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services – 2727 E Admiral Pl, Tulsa, I-244 at Delaware, 918-835-3017

“What can I do?” Everyone can do something! Check out action items below to see what you can do:

- Call your Community Health Representative at (918) 623-1925 or 1-888-756-9266 or search the internet or library to find out more. Education is key to prevention.
- Don’t drink when trying to conceive children or while pregnant. Don’t have unprotected sex while drinking.
- The tribal community is sacred. Community requires that we look out for one another. We prosper or decline as a people. Encourage young prospective mothers to abstain from alcohol and drugs.
- Educate yourself and others. Be armed with the facts, and help pass the word.

A great people respect the wisdom of their elders and the new life yet to come.

HEALTHNOTES

Sugar substitutes: the Aspartame controversy

by Tamara Lambert, RN
Eufaula Diabetes Educator/Coordinator

EUFULA — continued from April’s issue :

So you might ask, “What is considered a safe amount of aspartame?” Guidelines were established by food safety authorities worldwide and an acceptable daily intake was made. The acceptable daily intake (ADI) defined by the National Cancer Institute, is the amount of substance that can be consumed daily over a lifetime without noticeable health risk to a person on the basis of all the known facts at the time of the evaluation. A safe value of consumption according to the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives is 40 milligrams per kilogram of body weight daily and the FDA has set its ADI for aspartame at 50 mg/kg.

A 12 ounce can of diet soda contains 180mg of aspartame, and one liter of aspartame-sweetened soda contains 600mg aspartame. That would mean that a 165 lb adult (75 kilograms) would have to drink 21 cans of diet soda daily to no longer be at a safe level. The FDA figures show that most aspartame users only consume about 4 to 7 percent of the acceptable daily intake. Based on government research, aspartame has been found to be safe for human consumption by more than ninety countries world-wide. In 1999, FDA scientists described the safety of aspartame as “clear cut” and stated that the product is “one of the most thoroughly tested and studied food additives the agency has ever approved.”

Eating for a Healthy Heart

by Christian Dixon, RD, LD
Eufaula Diabetes Dietitian

OKMULGEE — Most of us know someone who has suffered from a heart attack. This is not surprising, as heart disease is the number one killer of Americans. You can make some small changes to improve your diet and reduce your risk of heart disease. Here are some tips: Eat lots of fruits and vegetables. Choose whole grain and high fiber foods such as whole grain bread, pasta, cereal, and rice. Have fish twice a week. Fatty fish like lake trout, herring, sardines, albacore tuna and salmon are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3 fatty acids can decrease the risk for arrhythmias, slow the growth of plaque on artery walls, lower triglycerides, and can even slightly reduce blood pressure.

Choose lean meats. Cuts of meat ending in “loin” have less fat. Limit processed meats like bacon, sausage, and hot dogs. Choose skim or 1percent milk and other low-fat dairy items. Try to avoid trans fats. To know if a food has trans fat, look for the word “hydrogenated” in the ingredients list. Cook with canola or olive oil. Limit salt in your diet. Only consume alcohol in moderation. Choose foods and beverages with less sugar. Maintain a healthy weight. Try having smaller portions and increasing the amount of fruits and vegetables you eat.

Summer Youth Diabetes Prevention Camps 2009

by Kimberlee Little, MEd, CPT
Eufaula Exercise Programs Manager

OKMULGEE — The Community Diabetes Prevention Program for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will offer five different four day Summer Youth Camps that stress healthy lifestyles and diabetes prevention. The first three days will include diabetes prevention education, cultural activities, good food and FUN. The last day will be a field trip to BIG SPLASH in Tulsa, Okla. These camps will be FREE to any American Indian youth 10-15 years of age. Campers must have a chart at one of the Creek Nation clinics or have a CDIB card. Each camp will take the first 35 youth to sign up and priority will be given to first time campers. Listed is the contact for each clinic area.

Okemah Clinic Area Youth Camp will be July 13 – 16, for more information contact Irene Culley at (918) 636-8735. Okmulgee Clinic Area Youth Camp will be July 20 – 23, for more information contact William Fixico at (918) 637-9683. Eufaula Clinic Area Youth Camp will be July 27 – 30, for more information contact Kimberlee Little at (918) 637-9684. Koweta Clinic Area Youth Camp will be July 28 - 31, for more information contact Taylor Thompson at (918) 807-1561. Sapulpa Clinic Area Youth Camp will be Aug. 3 – 6, for more information contact Duane Meadows at (918) 695-1325.

Spring into activity this season

by Taylor Thompson
Exercise Programs Manger, Koweta Clinic

KOWETA — Winter has come and passed and spring is finally here. Spring in Oklahoma offers some exciting opportunities to get outside and be active. After being cooped up inside for the entire winter it is refreshing to go outside and get some much needed fresh air. Here are a few ways for anyone to get active this spring. Go for a walk: Walking is a gentle, low-impact exercise that can ease you into a higher level of fitness and health. It’s one of your body’s most natural forms of exercise. It’s safe, simple, doesn’t require practice, and the health benefits are many. Walking can be done with the whole family and it is a great way to shed that “winter weight.” Trail Hiking: There are many hiking trails all over Oklahoma. Almost every lake has trails as well as both major cities. Trail hiking takes traditional walking to a new level and provides exciting challenges and beautiful scenery to hikers of all ages. It is important to practice safety when hiking. You can find more information as well as safety tips for hiking in

Oklahoma at: <http://www.travelok.com/trails/hiking.asp>. Ride a Bike: Bicycling is a good cardiovascular exercise that could increase the health of your heart. A bike with several speeds will allow you to increase you fitness level as your cardiovascular function improves. Begin by riding at an easy speed over even ground. If what you want is a challenge change your terrain, the Tulsa area provides some very unique biking trails. Turkey Mountain just west of Tulsa challenges bike riders with steep slopes and rugged terrain. This will maximize the level of exercise riders will receive. If you are not ready to take on mountains and hills, there are many flat bike trails along the Creek Turnpike and in the Riverparks. More information can be found at: <http://www.tulsabicycleclub.com>. These are just a few activities that Oklahoma provides when the weather turns to Spring. It is important that you find an activity you enjoy that gets your body moving and exercises your heart. So, get out there, move your body, and be well!

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CASA to host golf scramble and silent auction; volunteers needed

Media Release
Court Appointed Special Advocates

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation CASA program will hold tribal specific volunteer training utilizing the new Independent Study Edition. The new program allows volunteers to train from home with weekly phone visits from the CASA supervisor to answer any questions that may arise.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate Association trains community volunteers to speak up for tribal children that are in the court system as a result of abuse and/or neglect. Tribal court volunteers are assigned one child or sibling group. The volunteers work with counselors, social workers and CASA staff to make sure the children’s needs are being met.

Creek Nation CASA operates in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court and currently has 17 tribal court volunteers advocating for 33 children.

“CASA volunteers give of themselves to ensure that tribal children are placed in safe, permanent and loving homes,” stated CASA Program Manager Kim Deer.

It doesn’t take any special qualification to be a CASA volunteer; the only requirement is to complete CASA training. CASA training topics include child abuse and neglect,



Photo courtesy of Kim Deer

Pictured above are CASA's new volunteers who work in the courtrooms of Judge Patrick Moore with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Court and Judge Duane Woodliff with the Okmulgee State Court.

domestic violence, drugs, child development, ICWA laws and many other interesting topics. It is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make an impact on the community.

Locally, CASA is sponsoring their annual golf tournament to benefit the program. The CASA Classic Team Scramble and Silent Auction will be held at the Henryetta Golf & Country Club on May 16, 2009. Sign-ups will begin at 7 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

There will be a shot gun start at 8 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. The Classic is

limited to the first 22 teams and entry fees are \$55.00 per person or \$220.00 for a four-person team.

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place and fees will include golf cart, continental breakfast, catered lunch and door prizes.

Prizes will also be given for longest drive, closest to pin and Hole in One.

For more information about the Creek Nation CASA Program or the CASA Classic, please contact Kim Deer at (918) 756-2549 or by e-mail at casaokm5@sbcglobal.net.

School Clothing Program applications available June 1 - Oct. 2, 2009

by Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — The School Clothing Assistance Program aims to assist eligible Creek students three years and older and enrolled in any Head-Start or private school, or at those at least four years old and enrolled in a public or private school, no higher than the 12th grade.

Unlike in recent years, home-schooled children ages five to 18 are also now eligible for the benefits of this program. The grants of \$200 may be used to purchase clothing items and/or shoes for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year and are available for each qualifying child (for example, if there are three qualifying children ages 5, 12 and 16 living in a household, at \$200 each, a check totaling \$600 would be



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Pictured above are new School Clothing Program employees Tina Jack and Meske Harding.

also moved under the branch of Social Services, which, according to Director Julie Zithrax means a smoother operation. “You’re gonna have better oversight,” Zithrax said. The new building is also located directly behind the Social Services building on the MCN complex, making it easy for citizens to access information about the program.

Applications for the program will be available beginning June 1, 2009 with the deadline to apply set for Oct. 2, 2009 at 5 p.m. Applications will be available at the School Clothing Program office, MCN Indian Community Centers, or MCN Child Development Centers.

For more information, please contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll-free at 800-482-1979 to request an application that may be mailed or faxed to interested applicants.



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Pictured above are Social Security employees Meske Wind, Kizzie Green and Lillian Thomas who share the new building with the School Clothing Program.

released to the parent or guardian). A full-time staff including Program Coordinator Robbin Hayes who brings five years experience working

with MCN Child Care and Secretary Jennifer Kelly are new to the program this year, replacing part-time positions in years past. The program has

Schedule of events for 35th annual Muscogee Festival



by Brian On-The-Hill
Tourism and Recreation

OKMULGEE — The following is a list of events for the 35th annual Muscogee Nation Festival.

Friday, June 5
7 p.m.

Jr. Miss/Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, Henryetta, Okla.

Saturday, June 6
10 a.m.

Little Miss/Senior Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, Henryetta, Okla.

Friday, June 12
5 p.m.

Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Arts & Crafts Food Vendors

Saturday, June 13
8 a.m.

Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive

11 a.m. Muscogee Royalty Reception—Council House Museum—106 West 6th, Downtown, Okmulgee

Arts & Crafts Food Vendors

7 p.m.
Live Entertainment—Imzadi

Tuesday-Saturday, June 16-20
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Council House Museum Juried Art Competition—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee

Awards Presentation—Saturday, June 20, 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 18
6 p.m.

Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

Friday, June 19
8 a.m.

Junior Olympics—Harmon Stadium—601 E. 12th St.

Senior Citizens Activities—Elderly Nutrition Center

Farmers Market 8:30 a.m.

Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Okmulgee Golf Club—1400 S. Mission Lane 10 a.m.

Children's Fun Fair Noon

Traditional Gaming—Grounds West of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex 5 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Food Vendors 5:30-7 p.m.

Living Legends 6 p.m.

Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

7 - 9 p.m. Rodeo—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

9 p.m. Live Entertainment—Brandy

Saturday, June 20
8 a.m.

Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive

5k Walk/Run

Fast Pitch Softball Tournament Horseshoe Tournament

Children's Fun Fair Farmers Market

8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Okmulgee Golf Club—1400 S. Mission Lane

9 a.m. Volleyball Tournament

Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

9 a.m.-Noon Child Safety Seat Check—Parking Lot West of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee

10 a.m. Festival Parade—Okmulgee Main Street (6th Street), Downtown Okmulgee

11 a.m. Arts & Crafts

Food Vendors 1 - 4 p.m.

Creek Hymn Singing, Session I—Mound Auditorium, MCN Tribal Complex

3 p.m. Corn Stalk Shoot—Grounds West of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

4:30-7:30 p.m. Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

7 - 9 p.m. Rodeo Finals—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

9 p.m. Live Entertainment—Joe Diffie, James Otto

Sunday, June 21
8 a.m.

Fast Pitch Softball Tournament Farmers' Market

Children's Fun Fair 8:30 a.m.








Golf Tournament (Championship)—Okmulgee Golf Club—1400 S. Mission Lane

11 a.m. Arts & Crafts

Food Vendors

* All events not otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omniplex (with the exception of the Muscogee Nation Scholarship Pageant) in Okmulgee.

| MCN Social Services and Food Distribution Field Schedule | | |
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| Coweta | Community Center 8:30 - 11 a.m. | 2nd Tuesday of the Month |
| Glenpool | Community Center 9:00 - 10 a.m. | 2nd Wednesday of the Month |
| Bristow | Community Center 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. | 2nd Thursday of the Month |
| Eufaula | Community Center 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | 3rd Tuesday of the Month |
| Sapulpa | Community Center 9:30 - 11 a.m. | 3rd Wednesday of the Month |
| Checotah | Community Center 9:00 - 11 a.m. | 3rd Thursday of the Month |
| Weleetka | Community Center 9:00 - 10 a.m. | 4th Tuesday of the Month |
| Okemah | Community Center 9:00 - 10 a.m. | 4th Wednesday of the Month |
| Holdenville | Community Center 9:00 - 11 a.m. | 4th Thursday of the Month |



FAMILY MEMBERS OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTION

It is requested that family members of Muscogee (Creek) soldiers Killed In Action during World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam kindly contact the Veterans Affairs Services Office (VASO) to provide the following:

- Name of Muscogee (Creek) Soldier
- Verification of Citizenship
- Killed In Action Verification

- Birth Date
- Service Branch
- Killed In Action Date

The Requested purpose of this information is to publicly honor and recognize our tribal soldiers in the Veterans Affairs Services Office (VASO) Memorial Courtyard.

Please contact:
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EDUCATION

Dewar FCCLA students compete at national STAR competition



Photo courtesy of Kathy Dunham
Pictured above are Dewar FCCLA students who represented their state and their tribes at the 2009 Oklahoma State STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competition.

Media Release
Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence

STILLWATER — Twenty-three Dewar students recently participated in the 2009 Oklahoma State STAR – Students Taking Action with Recognition – Events for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America in Stillwater on March 27 - 28. There are 16 national STAR Events available to FCCLA students. Some 500 students participated in Oklahoma’s competition.

The Dewar students competed in seven different events. Fourteen of the students advanced from regionals. Nine students entered events that started at the state level. The students competed in the following events: Jr. Parliamentary Procedure, Sr. Illustrated Talk, Jr. Illustrated Talk, Jr. National Programs in Action, Chapter Service Project, Display, Focus on Children, and Chapter Showcase.

Eleven of the students have advanced to the national competition in Nashville, July 11-16. The students are Senior Michael Miller, sophomores Darin Smith (Creek) and Josh Peters (Creek), freshmen Whitney House, Paden Hall, Brittony Tiger (Creek), Malia McGowen, and Hannah McCarrroll and eighth graders Cheyenne Been (Creek), Taran Britt (Creek) and Chance Upshaw. Of the 11 students that are representing Oklahoma, five are members of the Muscogee Creek Nation. Their adviser, Mrs. Kathy Dunham, is also a member of the Muscogee Creek Tribe.

Michael Miller, Darin Smith and Josh Peters were participants in Chapter Service Project Display. Chapter Service Project Display is a team event that recognizes chapters that develop and implement an in-depth service project that makes a worthwhile contribution to families, schools and communities. Students must use Family and Consumer Sciences content and skills to address and take action on a community need. Participants have to prepare a display and give an oral presentation.

Whitney House, Paden Hall, Brittony Tiger, Malia McGowen, Hannah McCarrroll, Cheyenne Been, Taran Britt and Chance Upshaw were participants in Jr. Parliamentary Procedure. Parliamentary Procedure is a team event, which recognizes chapters that develop a working knowledge of parliamentary law and the ability to conduct a business meeting. Participants must present a demonstration FCCLA meeting and prepare minutes of the meeting. FCCLA’s STAR Events are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and occupational preparation. These events are based on the belief that every student is a winner. Both youth and adults work together as managers of the events and evaluators of the participants.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education and its affiliated student organization FCCLA, are integral components in the CareerTech system. This national student organization helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues. More than 13,000 students in 430 chapters on

Oklahoma high school and technology center campuses are members of FCCLA.

STAR Events promote FCCLA’s mission to focus on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader. Each event is designed to help members develop specific lifetime skills in character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge and career preparation.

“Throughout the year, FCCLA members tackle issues such as teen violence prevention, traffic safety, family issues, career exploration and much more,” said Denise Morris, state FCCLA adviser. “FCCLA programs enrich student learning, improve self-esteem and serve students with a range of ability levels, economic situations and cultural influences.”

On a national level, FCCLA has more than 220,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than 10 million youth since being founded in 1945.

“FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members,” Morris said. “This is the only CareerTech student organization with family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers and communities.”

FCCLA is one of seven CareerTech student organizations affiliated with CareerTech programs. The other six include FFA and Agricultural Education, DECA and Marketing Education, HOSA and Health Careers Education, Business Professionals of America and Business and Information Technology Education, Technology Student Association and Technology Education, and SkillsUSA and Trade and Industry Education.

The Dewar students will be representing Oklahoma in the national STAR Events competition at the FCCLA national conference in Nashville, Tenn., July 11-16. The students will be competing with students from 53 state associations including Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

Dewar FCCLA adviser Kathy Dunham will be attending the conference with the students. The students and Mrs. Dunham have already started working to raise the money needed to attend the National Leadership Conference. They will be doing various fund-raisers from now through the month of June.

The Dewar students have to raise approximately \$13,000 to attend the national leadership conference to represent the state of Oklahoma. Students and their adviser will be out and about doing various fund-raisers from now through the month of June. If anyone is interested in giving a donation or even finding an odd job for the students to do, contact Dewar FCCLA Adviser, Kathy Dunham at Dewar School at (918) 652-9625.

Locals receive Student of Excellence Awards

Media Release
Bristow and Glenpool Communities

TULSA — Two Bristow High School seniors, Casey Ramsey and Tucker Speir, were honored last week by the Tulsa Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. They were nominated by Mrs. Gloria Davis (JOM Program) for the Student of Excellence Award. The two received the nomination for their GPA, moral behavior, leadership skills and their participation in service to their Native American community.

Casey and Tucker received their awards at a luncheon held on Thurs., April 16, at the Tulsa Country Club. After the luncheon, they received recognition and received a Student of Excellence Certificate for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement as well as a \$50 savings bond from MidFirst Bank. Mr. Ryan Red Corn welcomed the students and their guests, and special remarks were given by Mr. Ed Fariss of MidFirst Bank.

Ms. Victoria McKenna read the biographical information of each student as they received their awards.

Casey is the daughter of Karen and Wayne Ramsey. She is a Muscogee (Creek) citizen who is involved in Career Day, vo-tech, Oklahoma Indian Honor

Society and the JOM Program activities. During her high school years, she has been in cheerleading, National Honor Society, LEO Club, Student Council, Leadership Class, Principal’s Honor Roll, Indian Student Honor Roll, All-State Softball, All-Regional Softball, All-Conference Softball, Student of the Month and is the 2009 Salutatorian. After graduation, she plans to attend OSU to become a physical therapist.

Tucker is the son of Lynn and Terry Speir. He is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation who has been involved in Career Day, vo-tech, Chickasaw Baseball Camp, and the JOM Program activities. During his high school years, he has been a member of the Pirate Pride Band, jazz band, high school choir, baseball, Oklahoma Boys’ State, high school musicals, and he plays the trum-

pet at various veterans’ events. He has attended vo-tech in Drumright for two years (automotive technology). Following graduation, he plans to work while attending college. His major is undecided at this time.

Eighty-one seniors from 42 schools across Northeastern Oklahoma were honored at the luncheon.

Two Glenpool High School students were also honored at the event. Seniors Megan Edge and Wade Bell were nominated for this award by Director of Indian Education, Kristi Collington for their academic achievement and involvement in the Native American Student Association (NASA) and Creek language/culture class. Each student also received a \$50 savings bond. Both students are members of the Mvskoke Creek Nation.

Sponsors of the luncheon included MidFirst Bank, CADDOSolutions, Cherrah Quiett, Claude Neon Federal Signs, Inc., EquaCor Plastics & Packaging, Inc., Karen Rose, Lumen Midstream Partnership, LLC, Maska Builders, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Red Hand Media, Rob Anoque, TEACO Group, and Vacations R Us.



Photo courtesy of Lynn Speir
Pictured above from left to right are Bristow High School seniors Tucker Speir and Casey Ramsey.



Photo courtesy of Kristi Collington
Pictured above from left to right are Glenpool High School seniors Megan Edge and Wade Bell.

Education Spotlight: Glenpool Public Schools

by Kristi Collington
Director of Glenpool Indian Education

GLENPOOL — I had my classes enter essays in the 7th annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair at OU. The topic was “Language Advocacy.” The essays include but are not limited to the following...

- The importance of your language to yourself, your family and or community
- The importance of Native languages to non-Indian communities
- Why students should learn their language
- The relationship between identity and language
- How my community has changed (with language programs/with loss of language)
- If we all spoke Creek again
- If we didn’t speak Creek
- Ideas for community or school language programs or what can be done in the community.

I thought this was a great opportunity for others to see the view point from our students in Glenpool on Native languages. These essays were written by a variety of students from 9-12 grade.

We are so grateful to the Language program for providing a language teacher this year and we hope that the Mvskoke language program will continue to grow and flourish. I have been learning the Mvskoke language now for seven years in hopes to teach our students here.

I hope that all students in the Creek Nation will be given an opportunity to learn the Mvskoke language from Pre-K to 12th grade, so

that the language will live on. I believe that the foundation of culture is language. I hope that the tribe continues to stress the importance and will add language teachers in every school within the Creek Nation.

We are on a trimester schedule in our High School. In a short 12 weeks, our students have learned between 150-200 words and phrases and they are taught in such a way that they will remember them.

Jason Sawyer and I have made a very good team this year. With his language background and my teaching experience and knowledge of learning styles, we have created a class to be very proud of. I challenge myself, and my students every day to learn the language, work hard and I hope that language speakers out there will do the same in sharing their gift of language and knowl-

edge.

As of now, our high school students are receiving an elective credit for the class. I hope that the Creek Nation Language Program gets their curriculum approved at the state level so that our students will be able to receive a foreign language credit (even though it is not foreign) that is just the way the state department of education works.

We have to find ways to bridge these gaps in language even though they are not easy. It takes time, hard work to make these things happen. I would just like to say mvto again for the language program and encourage language speakers to help us in this very important endeavor.

Sincerely,
Kristi Collington
Director of Indian Education
Glenpool Schools



Photo courtesy of Kristi Collington
Pictured above are Glenpool Indian Education students who participated in the 7th annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair at the University of Oklahoma.

Glenpool Indian Ed., bash set for May 29

Media Release
Glenpool Indian Education

GLENPOOL — Glenpool Indian Education will host an end of the school year bash on Fri., May 29 from 5 - 8 p.m., at the Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center located at 13839 S. Casper St., in Glenpool. For

directions, please contact the center at (918) 291-5300

The event will feature inflatables, stickball, kick ball, a three-point shoot-out, free throw contest, hotdogs and ice cream. All Native American

Glenpool students and parents are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Glenpool Indian Education Director Kristi Collington at (918) 322-9500 ext. 568.

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FEATURES

Twin Hills School gets boost

• MCN makes \$10,000 donation to be used for books



Pictured left to right are School Board Member Gary Hudgens, National Council Representative James Jennings, Twin Hills Superintendent Bob Pinkston and Principal Chief A.D. Ellis.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

TWIN HILLS – On February 27, 2009, breaking news throughout Oklahoma displayed a fire that destroyed a historic school building located in the Twin Hills Community. This sandstone schoolhouse was 200 feet long and about 50 feet wide and just recently celebrated 100 years. The school district has four newer buildings, a gymnasium and an enrollment of 300 students. Fortunately, the students were on Spring Break during this catastrophe.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council recently passed legislation which was signed into law by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis authorizing a donation of \$10,000 to Twin Hills Public Schools. This donation will be used for books and supplies.

"We certainly appreciate this and we'll put it to good use," said Twin Hills Superintendent Bob Pinkston.

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Photo courtesy of Thompson Gouge

Dr. King gets famous

• CMN President inducted into Okemah Chamber's Hall of Fame

by Thompson Gouge
MCN Public Relations

OKEMAH – On Fri., April 24, Dr. James King was inducted into the 2009 Okemah Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.

Dr. James King, son of David and Annie King, lived his early years in Okfuskee County. He attended Okfuskee School and then graduated from Okemah High School in 1964. He excelled in basketball, football and track, plus served on the OHS Student Council. Dr. King comes from a family of OHS graduates, including his sister, two brothers and both of his daughters.

Dr. King completed his Bachelor's degree at East Central State University in 1968; his Master's from the University of Minnesota in 1973; and his Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University in 1986.

Dr. King has always been committed to serving in the field of education. He began his professional service as a field representative for the Indian Division of the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Later he was employed with the National Indian Education Association as a Teacher Training Program Assistant, and continued his early professional career in the Administration of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, serving as Director of Education. James was also a General Manager for a consulting firm that provided training and technical assistance to Native American tribes. While at OSU, James was a Research Assistant in international education and trained education administrators, plus institutional instructors for the Kingdom of Jordan.

From 1986 until his retirement in 2003, Dr. King served as a Professor of Educational Research in Graduate College at Northeastern State University



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Pictured above is Dr. James King who was recently inducted into the 2009 Okemah Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Fame.

in Tahlequah. While at NSU, Dr. King earned a reputation among his peers and students as a dedicated teacher and professional. He counseled and mentored hundreds of Graduate Students through the successful completion of Graduate Degrees. These same students are now making major contributions in the field of education throughout the nation.

Dr. King's other professional achievements during his career include; Evaluator for teacher training programs; native language project and bilingual education activities, delegate on Libraries and Information Services for both the Oklahoma Governor's Conference and the Pre-White House Conference; committee member on Native Americans and Reading for International Reading Association; and a member of Human Relations Commission for the OEA. He was recognized by the State House of Representatives for his work on the

Minority Needs Assessment Committee organized to increase the number of minority teachers in Oklahoma Schools.

Dr. King has participated in a number of community service activities and those include the Okfuskee County Community Action Program Board; volunteer coach of Okemah Little League; Creek Nation Trade and Commerce Board; Sequoyah High School Community Relations Board; And President of QuESTT Inc. (a community based agency serving disadvantaged youth). For his work with the community, James received a Distinguished Leadership Recognition Award from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Presently, Dr. King continues his work in the field of education by serving as President of the College of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which he was instrumental in designing and implementing.

Farmers' Market adds freshness to Festival

by Brian On-The-Hill
Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The 2009 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will include a Farmers' Market. All farmers interested in selling their home-grown produce should contact the office of Tourism & Recreation as soon as possible in order to secure a space at no cost.

All chartered Creek Communities are encouraged to inform farmers in their areas and secure a space for them. The 35th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will be held June 18-21, 2009.

For more information, please contact Projects Specialist Brian On-The-Hill at Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7993.



These tomatoes were grown in Hanna Indian Community's garden. Fresh produce will be featured at this year's Farmers' Market. - 35th annual Muscogee Nation Festival

NASA to co-host 2009 Princess Honor Dance

by Brian On-The-Hill
Tourism and Recreation

OKMULGEE — The College of the Muscogee Nation's Native American Student Association will co-host the 2009 Princess Honor Dance on Sat., May 9, 2009 at the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla.

The event will feature the Honor Color Guard from the Seminole Nation, traditional arts and crafts and contests in Southern Men's Traditional and Women's Cloth.

Gourd Dancing will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a supper break at 5p.m., and grand entry and contest at 7 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. There will also



be a tiny tots division. No alcohol or drugs will be allowed and security will be provided. For more information, please contact: V. Mike Harjo at (918) 313-0552 or Meeko Tyner at (918) 293-5433. For arts and crafts booth information, please contact Brian On-The-Hill at Tourism and Recreation at (918) 732-7993 or (918) 756-8700.

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HISTORY/CULTURE

“Harjo Tribe” makes a showing at Oklahoma Youth Language Fair

Media Release
Okemah Indian Community

NORMAN — On April 6, brother and sisters, Seth, Louisa and Sutv Harjo, participated in the 7th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair with the Alabama Quasarte Intertribal Youth Group.

Students of Native American languages from grades ranging from preschool to high school participated in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair (ONAYLF) at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., on April 6-7.

This year’s theme was “Giving the Gift of Language.” Students could compete in ten categories including: Individual Spoken Language, Group Spoken Language, Individual Language Performance with Music or Dance, Language Masters Performance, Native Language Book, Language Advocacy Essay, Native Language Poster Art, Language Film and Video, and Language Presentation with Power Point*.

Native artists, elders, authors, and language teachers from several different tribes judged the various categories. Strict accuracy in the language was not essential. Instead, the students’ performances were evaluated on how much Native language was used, the spirit of the performance itself and the effort put into the performance. Books, essays, posters, and film/video entries are judged prior to the fair and the winners in each of these categories were displayed during the fair.

This annual statewide competition has drawn more than 500 students



Photo courtesy of Cassandra Harjo

Pictured above from left to right are Seth, Mya and Sutv Harjo who make up what their mother, Cassandra Harjo, calls the Harjo Tribe. The “tribe” recently competed at the 7th annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla.

in prekindergarten through 12th grade who used an estimated 24 native languages to compete. The top three winners in each category in every age group received a trophy that can be displayed in their school or tribal center. In addition, every student participating received a 2009 ONAYLF T-shirt. The main focus is that all students are winners when they speak their Native languages!

Seth and Louisa created and submitted Native American books that included photos and the Mvskoke language. Seth’s title of the book was Vmestvlke Ayat-My Family Tree and Louisa’s was titled Cesvs Vc Vnokeces-Jesus Loves Me.

Louisa won first place in this Pre-K fifth grade category. Together, Louisa and Sutv competed in the Music and Dance with the song Merrkv Nerat-Amazing Grace, in the Pre-K- second grade category and won third place.

Seth is in third grade and Louisa is in kindergarten at Mason Elementary School and their little sister, Sutv, is four years old. They are all Muscogee (Creek) citizens, of the Eco (Deer) Clan, reside in the Okemah community and attend Springfield Indian United Methodist Church. Their parents are Cassandra Thompson and Pahose Harjo.

A special MVTO to the following from the Harjo Tribe (what mom calls Seth, Mya and Sutv together) for helping us learn and carry on the Mvskoke language and traditions: Alabama Quasarte Intertribal Youth Group’s teachers and friends, Juanita McGirt (for teaching us the Creek Hymns), Mitch Jack (for teaching us the Mvskoke language), Suga-mama Carol Tiger (for making Mya’s dress), Grandma Dora Taylor (for making Sutv’s dress and the moccasins).

The historic and contemporary relationship of Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

Submitted by Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Preservation

OKFUSKEE COUNTY — The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town is a Muscogee branch or daughter town of the Thlewathle Tribal Town. Swanton, Early History of the Creek Indians and their Neighbors, pp. 254-258.

The report locates the Thlopthlocco Tribal town in the state of Alabama on the lower course of the Tallapoosa River eastward across from location of Thlewathle. See map (1), by Swanton Geographical movements and distribution and towns of the Creek Confederacy.

The Thlopthlocco Tribal town is reported to have separated and formed from the Thlewathle toward the end of the 18th century. Swanton, Indians of the Southeastern United States, Bureau of Ethnology, Bulletin 137, p.139.

The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town is

designated to be on the Red War side of the Fire of the Upper Creek division of the Muscogee Confederacy. Their position has been derived from information on their mother town. Swanton, Early History of Creek Indians and their Neighbors, Bulletin 73, p. 254, Morris Opler. The Creek Indian Towns of Oklahoma in 1937, P.67.

No movement is recorded for the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town in Alabama until the forced removal in accordance with the Removal Treaty of 1832.

The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town is enumerated in the Census of 1832 as “Thollthlococ Town” and Thlobthlocco Town.” Document 512, Emigration of the Indians, by the Commissary General of Subsistence.

The removal journey of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town began from Wetumka

Alabama on August 1, 1836. The emigration route was mainly overland this detachment arrived at Ft. Gibson, December 7, 1836 where they proceeded to the west of the Verdigris River. Grant Foreman, Indian Removal, pp. 140 - 163. See Removal Route map (2).

The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town maintained their square ground 10 miles south of Okemah, Oklahoma until 1962. See Map (3), Perryman, 1891.

In 1938, the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town became a federally recognized tribe in accordance with the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936 and operates at the present time under this act at Okemah, Okla.

The current Tribal Town King is Vernon Yarholar of the Deer Clan. The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town headquarters are located seven miles east of Okemah.

Artists still needed for 35th annual Festival

by Brian On-The-Hill
MCN Tourism and Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Tourism and Recreation Department of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is still accepting applications for arts and crafts booths at the 35th annual Muscogee Festival until

all spaces are filled.

All registered Creek citizens may rent a 15’x20’ booth space for \$60, upon proof of citizenship. All other Native Americans (non-Creek citizens) will be

charged \$80 (must present valid CDIB card), Non-Natives will pay \$125 and a \$150 fee will be charged for commercial vendors. For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7993.

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LANGUAGEUPDATES

Language Program announces language activity winners

by Kathleen Coachman
Language Program Manager

OKMULGEE — From the desk of Addie Lewis: The Mvskoke Language Program took a total of 60 students from Glenpool, Holdenville, Ryal, Dewar and Wilson to the Seventh Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla., at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, on April 6 - 7, 2009.

All students did their very best. Those placing were: Ashley Dunn and MaKayla Franks singing Espoke-tis Omes, first place (Holdenville), Sarah Martin sang Heleluyv, and received second place (Holdenville), Shaniah Franks sang Cesvs Vcwnokeces, and received third place (Holdenville) Trever Franks sang Vpeyakvres and received first place (Glenpool), two groups from Dewar School sang Creek hymns and each group received second place trophies.

For the month of February, the winner of the Mvskoke Language Activity is Ms. Emily King of Sapulpa, Okla. Her name was drawn out of



eleven entries.

We apologize for not submitting a Language Activity for March but just get those entries in and all the sentences that are correct will be entered in the drawing for that month. Thank you, Creek citizens for submitting your entries - we are happy to see so many that are staying involved with the language.

Till next time, God Bless You!
Mvskoke Language Program.

Mvskoke Language Activity Basic Conversion:

Below is a list of conversation phrases: Write the correct alphabet on the line with numbered answers.

A. Kehvse palem Ecker Vrvkkueskv Nettv.

B. Cetske pvkpvkuce enesetv oret tos.

C. Cetske hyopalecv caten yacet tos.

D. Hompetv tis sayetv tos.

E. Tvklke cvmpv cetske enhayet cen owat safvcke towis

1. Take her out to eat.

2. May 10 is Mother's Day.

3. It is time to buy flowers for your Mother.

4. Your mother will be happy if you make a cake for her.

5. Your Mother will like red roses.

Mail in your answer to:

Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma,

Mvskoke Language Program

P.O. Box 580

Okmulgee, OK 74447

Winner will be announced in June.

CULTURAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Spring Cultural Day set for May 7, 2009

Media Release
MCN Office of Childcare

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Spring Cultural Day 2009 is set for Fri., May 7, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., on the south lawn of the Mound Building on the MCN complex.

This event is free and will be hosted by the MCN Office of Child Care. Activities will include storytelling of pre-removal of the Creek Indi-

ans, ballstick making, Creek hymn singing, stompdance, traditional food samplings and demonstrations of all sorts.

Participants will receive a free T-shirt that will be given to the first 500 children (ages 4-12) that register. For more information, contact the Office of Child Care at (918) 732-7680 or toll free at (800) 205-3705.

Summer gardening class set for May 9, 2009

Media Release
MCN Office of Childcare

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative will host a summer organic gardening class on Sat., May 9, 2009. Learn how to plan and plant a summer garden, using time-honored organic (chemical-free) methods.

The class is free and will be presented by George Driever, PhD., from the OSU Extension Service

Muscogee Office and sponsored by the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative.

The class will be held from 10:30 – Noon at 208 W. 6th Street (Across from Kirby’s) in Okmulgee.

For more information, please contact Vicky Karhu at MFSI by phone at (918) 756 - 5915.

MUSEUM NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Juried Art Competition set for Creek Festival June 16-20, 2009

Media Release
Creek Council House Museum

OKMULGEE — The 2009 Muscogee Nation Festival and the Creek Council House Museum are calling all Native American artists for the 2009 Juried Art Competition. The juried art competition show will be exhibited at the museum from June 16 – 20. This year there will be two categories of competition: Painting/Graphic Arts and Photography.

“It will be an exciting show this year. For the first time we will have a photography category. We have also increased the number of prizes and the amount of prize money that will be awarded with one talented artist

receiving the \$1,000 Best of Show Award,” stated museum curator Ted Isham.

In addition to the art competition, Native American artists will be able to set up and sell their work on the museum lawn. There will be no charge for booth space but, vendors must pre-register with the museum.

Entry packets are available now. For further information and to request a juried art competition packet or a vendor on the lawn packet, please contact the museum at (918) 756-2324.

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| Horseshoes | Liz Holata | 918-732-7614 |
| Parade | Melinda Deeringwater | 918-759-4172 |
| Slow-Pitch Softball Tourn..... | George Roach | 918-458-0577 |
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BIRTHS

Maternal great grandparents are Jim and Beaulah Spain and Lula Coon. Paternal great grandparents are Charles Wyatt, Sr. and the late Beverly Wyatt and the late Doyle and Pauline Snell.



Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

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SPOTLIGHT

Levita's Stone



Submitted by George Windes
CMCA Historian

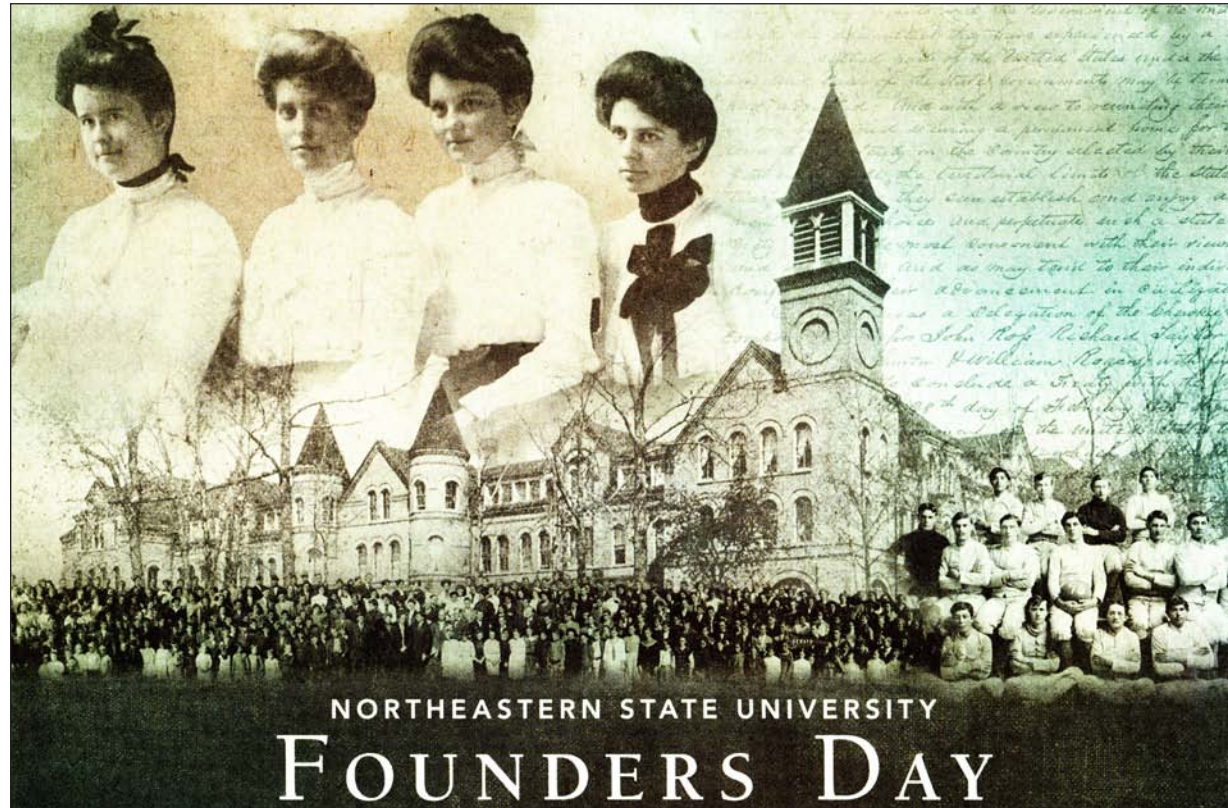
YORBA LINDA, Cali.,—Little was known about the 40-year sojourn of our maternal family in Northwest Louisiana. It had been a temporary refuge, between the heartache of the loss of our ancestral lands in Alabama and the rebuilding of our tribal squares in Indian Territory.

Our interest was strong though, because of family tales about my grandpa's grandmother, Mary Levitia Weatherford (1822-1859). Levitia was the daughter of Lomo Chatti, The Red Eagle, known as William Weatherford by white men. He had led a thousand warriors against the armies of Andrew Jackson in the Creek Indian War of 1813/14. His great victory at Fort Mims is rare in the annals of America. He personally surrendered to Jackson to save starving women and children, after most of his warriors died at the infamous Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

Sanders honored at NSU

by Angel Ellis
MNN Senior Writer

TAHLEQUAH — In a celebration at Northeastern State University held in March, Susie Tiger Sanders was among the many Centurions who were nominated by alumni and friends as a Leader of our Century. The event program read "Centurions are the unsung heroes of the past century who have made a difference in individual lives."



Photograph submitted

Pictured above is the program from Northeastern State University's Founders' Day Celebration. Susie Tiger Sanders is among those who were recognized as unsung heroes and honored for their hard work.

“A Centurion is someone whose leadership, commitment and ability to help others has allowed them to influence the past 100 years of NSU history.”
– Founders Day Committee

Sanders retired in 1992 as NSU Assistant Vice President for Business and Development.

lature purchased the Seminary from the Cherokee Nation and on Sept. 14, classes began as the newly formed Northeastern State Normal School in Tahlequah.

Muskogee and Broken Arrow. Some 9,000 students and citizens of eastern Oklahoma enjoy the outstanding educational and cultural opportunities provided the University.

Larney sworn in as Mayor of Henryetta

by Angel Ellis
MNN Senior Writer

HENRYETTA — A constant community servant over many years and Muscogee (Creek) citizen, Richard Larney, was nominated and elected Mayor of the City of Henryetta on April 20, 2009. At a special meeting held to swear in the newly elected Council, Larney took his seat as Mayor shortly after taking his oath to serve as Council member.



MNN/Angel Ellis

Pictured above is newly-elected Mayor and longtime resident of Henryetta, Okla., Richard Larney who has served the local community since the 1950s when he served as the city's Chief of Police.

“First I’d like to thank the last Council for its hard work and leaving the City financially stable. I want to work to continue the progress.”

– Mayor Richard Larney



Police for the City of Henryetta during the 1950s. It was under his leadership that department endured the loss of fellow officers in a widely publicized shooting.

forums and is diligently involved in the welfare of the community. Larney's contributions of wisdom and experience have spanned decades.

help continue the progress enjoyed by the City Henryetta.

OBITUARIES

JOHNSON FIELDS



EL PASO, Texas — Johnson Fields, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend entered eternal life on Dec. 19, 2008 in El Paso, Texas. He was born to Tom and Kizzie Fields in Okmulgee, on November 3, 1919, graduated from Sapulpa High School, and briefly attended Haskell Institute in Kansas.

He proudly served his country in WWII, including Normandy, Northern France, the Andennes, and the Battle of the Bulge. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant after 21 years of service. He also retired from Civil Service as a Senior Missile Maintenance Technician and subsequently went to work for Raytheon Service Company from which he retired as a Senior Field Engineer.

During his 44-year career he received numerous awards and citations for outstanding performance. He was a 46 year member of Faith (Ausbury) United Methodist Church, serving God in many capacities.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Anne Fields, son Marc of Sapulpa, son Will and wife Jackie of Highland Village, Texas, five grandchildren, two nieces Cynthia Factor and Arlene Efurd, one nephew Mike Factor and their families.

Burial followed at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with full military honors.

Honorary pallbearers were J.B. Bennett, Joe Raffaelli, Charles Reed, and Bill Walls.

SAM MARSHALL

TULSA — Sam Marshall went to be with the Lord on April 2 in Tulsa at the age of 74. Services were held April 6 at the First Baptist Church in Weleetka. Services under the direction of William-Spradlin Funeral Home of Weleetka.

EARLINE GRAY



EUFULA — Earline Gray, 63, of Eufaula passed away Friday, April 17, 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Earline was born on January 9, 1946, in McIntosh County, the daughter of Wad and Lillie (Sloan) Francis. She attended school in Sequoyah and Eufaula. On October 18, 1967, she married Foster Gray, Sr. Earline enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, fishing, listening to music and driving down back roads.

Survivors include her husband, Foster Gray, Sr., of the home; her three sons, Foster Gray, Jr. and wife Melanie of Tulsa, Nocuselle Gray of Eufaula, Jeremiah Gray of Okmulgee; five daughters, Ramona Hampton Smith and Daniel of Eufaula; Winey Fowler and husband Randy of Eufaula, Yahnnee Colenutt and husband James of Okmulgee, Virginia Whitehead of Tulsa and Lena Jay and husband Tim of Tulsa; two sisters, Edna Wickham and husband Herbert of Bristow and Maybellene Holean of Eufaula; fifteen grandchildren, Ben, Amanda, Scott, Elizabeth, Timmy, Randi, Raini, Ramona, Kenny, Tayna, Cody, Starla, Holley, Joseph and Gerald and one great grandchild on the way. She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Monroe, Dorsey and Lockey, two sisters, Maria and Francine and one infant son, Baby Boy Gray.

A wake service was held at the Gray home Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Grave site services were held 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Gray Family Cemetery with Richmond Carr officiating. Pallbearers were Daniel Smith, Timothy Jay, Ben Gray, Randy Fowler, James Colenutt and Mose Lewis. Services were under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

KIZZIE HARJO

HANNA — Kizzie Harjo, aged 59, was born in Fame, Oklahoma on November 26, 1949 to Jack and Nancy (Gouge) Harjo. Soon after she was born, they moved their family to Hanna, where later Kizzie started her education in Hanna at the West Liberty Grade school. And later finished high school at Hanna then continued her education by attending Conner's State College where she received her associates degree in Business.

During her free time, Kizzie enjoyed gardening and making traditional quilts, but most of all, she loved spending time with her family and grandchildren. Kizzie was a life long member of the Hillabee Ceremonial Ground and was very active in her customs and traditions.

Kizzie is survived by two daughters, Jenny Mae and Crystal Cook, both of Hanna, three brothers, Alex Harjo of Tulsa, and Lewis and Leroy Harjo, both of Hanna. She is also survived by three sisters, Jeanetta Harjo of Oklahoma City, Helen Erwin of Tulsa, and Bernice Proctor of Shawnee. Four grandchildren, Kaylee Howard, George Howard, Lilly Cook, and Ethan Howard. Kizzie was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Nancy Harjo, her husband Jim Cook, two brothers Daniel and Woodrow Harjo and two sisters Winnie and Colleen Harjo.

Wake services were at Hanna Community Center with Reverend Jackson officiating and the funeral service was held at the Community Center with burial at the Jackson-Harjo Cemetery at Hanna. Pallbearers were Brian Harjo, Coachie Harjo, Justin Bruner, Michael Tiger, Marcus Harjo, and Christopher Erwin. Honorary Pallbearers are Jack Harjo, Bennie Harjo, and Clay Harjo.

THANK YOU

The Family Wishes To Thank: Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and Creek Nation Offices for their assistance. Reverend Malcolm Tiger for Officiating, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and all the preachers who came to speak at the wake, Alabama Ceremonial Grounds members for all their hard work and cooking the meals, Pecan Grove Church and members, all the family and friends who attended, sent flower, cards, brought food and offered words of comfort.

The family would also like to note that the name of his band was Blackhawk Blues Band instead of Black Music Band.

Turner and Geraldine Scott and Family

THANK YOU

Thank you to the relatives and friends of Leah Jean Stacy. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and heartfelt caring, your prayers and support. And a special thanks to our sister and Creek Nation Representative, Selina Jane-Dornan whose loving support was there when we needed it most and Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church whose Indian songs and service for our mom made us all feel at home.

MARY JEAN HICKS PIGEON

TULSA — Mary Jean Hicks Pigeon was born on May 29, 1941 in the Grassy Lake area to Charlie Mike Hicks, Sr. and Lily Tiger Hicks. Mary went to be with the lord on Sunday, February 15, 2009 in Tulsa at the age of 67.

Mary was baptized in 1952 at the First Baptist Church of Eufaula and then transferred her membership and was baptized October 3, 1983 at the First Christian Church of Weleetka, and was an active member of the Christ Community Worship Center.

Mary loved to bake, read, and iron. She loved to watch old Gene Autry Westerns on tv and go to garage sales. She had a special love for cats.

Mary is of the Bear Clan and was a member of the Kialegee Estvlwv where she served on the Advisory Committee. She also served as Deaconess at the First Christian Church. Mary worked as a teacher's aide, Nutrition-Aide for Headstart, Coordinator for the Weleetka Indian Community Center. Also worked in the Agriculture Area with her husband, Jessie.

Mary attended Boarding School at Eufaula and Seneca before moving back to the Weleetka area in 1956 where she met and married Jessie Pigeon on November 28, 1957.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, three sisters, two brothers, two sons: Lester Lee and Jonathan, and her husband, Jessie Pigeon.

Survivors include three sons and their wives: Stanley and Jeanie Pigeon of Weleetka, Virgin and Joann Pigeon of Weleetka, Ricky and Chassity Pigeon of Weleetka, and one daughter Stephanie Pigeon Brown of Weleetka, two sisters; Winey Beaver of Henryetta, and a half-sister Beatrice Hicks of Scates, a half-brother Charlie Mike Hicks, Jr. of Weleetka, and seven grandchildren: Jeremy, jennifer, Jes-

sica, Rebecca, Michael, Rachel, and Katie Jo, and one great grandson, Cale Elyas Rector.

Pallbearers were Tim Williams, Leo Lee Hicks Jr., Jeremy Pigeon, Guy Sheneman, Sam Beaver III, Michael Pigeon.

Honorary Pallbearers: W. L. Smith, Donnie Burden, Brandon Ogle, Simeon Lee, Charlie Mike Hicks, Jr.

Services were graveside February 19 at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weleetka. Reverend Donald Williamson officiated.

THANK YOU

The children and grand children of Mable McNac would like to say thank you to Belvin Baptist Church and Pastor Randy Colbert, Rev. Kellos Walker, Benny Hardridge, Rusty Powell, the entire McNac family, Mr. and Mrs. Brian McGertt, Jo Ellen Lucley and girls, Brenda Bacon and girls, to Angelic Hospice, God's Travel Agents to Heaven, to all who gave from their hearts in love, word and deed.

There were so many people who gave from their hearts, were thoughtful and unselfish so willing to share, to help out, or be there no matter how busy their days. Thank you so much. Mom would be so proud that you took care of her children and grand babies.

STEVEN HUMMINGBIRD



OKEMAH — Funeral services for Steven David Hummingbird were held Friday, March 6 at the First Baptist Church in Okemah. He was born June 12, 1958 in Claremore to David Hummingbird and Florina Bear. He passed away on March 2 at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa at the age of 50. He had been a resident of the Okemah area all of his life, having graduated from Okemah High School in 1976. He worked as a machinist for many years. He also served his country with the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his father and one grandson. He is survived by his wife, Mary, his sisters, Virginia Crouch and husband, Delmo, of Davis, Beverly Tisho and husband Kenny of Shawnee, two daughters, five stepchildren, his mother, Florina Bear, two aunts, Helen Coon of Sapulpa and Edith Harjo of Cromwell, one uncle, Philip Coon of Sapulpa, his mother-in-law Jane Layman of Henryetta, and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were David Mackey, Jim Humble, Robert Smith, Den-

nis Smith, Keith Guinn, and Bruce Magness. Honorary pallbearers were James Deaton II, Delmo Crouch, Kenny Tisho, Joe Mullinicks, Mike Coon, Charley Simmer, and mark Gibson. It was officiated by Rev. Andrew Johnson and Terry LeGrand. Interment was at the Hummingbird family cemetery in Okemah.

DELORES JEAN RANDALL



OKMULGEE —Delores "Aunt Dodo" Jean Randall, a resident of Okmulgee, passed away on March 21 in Okmulgee at the age of 81. She was born February 16, 1928 in Sand Springs to Roman and Annie (Island) Randall. She worked for ONG for many years and was a member of the Honey Creek Indian Methodist Church. Delores is preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Roman Randall Harjo Sr. and wife Mahalia B. of Okmulgee; grandson, Roman Randall Harjo Jr. of Okmulgee; sister, Ramona Randall of Claremore; niece, Rebecca Staten of Claremore; great niece, Elizabeth Howell of Claremore, Lisa Staten of Claremore; nephew James "Cricked" L. Staten of Claremore; great niece and nephew Kelci Howell and Jonus Howell.

Wake services was held on March 23 at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel. She was then taken to Hickory Ground #1 for Night Services. Service was Wednesday, March 25 at Hickory Ground #1 with Pastor Mitchell Taylor officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

THANK YOU

There are many people we thank in our prayers for things we appreciate so much. Try as we may sometimes we can't say the words we want them to know. You have gone out of your way, you pitched in when there was work to be done, you showed understanding and lightened our load. You helped, you loved, you cared in more ways than one.

The family of Zack Pickering wishes to thank Angelic Hospice and Carter Hospice who made his life more comfortable, to Jimmy Alexander, Truitt Johns and Shane Hooper who ministered the love and comfort of our Lord God, to Little Cussetah Baptist Church and the Watashe family for your endless hard work, for all who gave in love with heart, in word or deed. Zack would be so proud and thankful to all of you who took care of his loved ones.

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SPORTS

Diabetes doesn't slow Dewar's Settlemyre

• Senior stand-out is a two-sport star for the Dragons

by Jason Salsman
MNN Sports Reporter

DEWAR — As a baby, Kevin Settlemyre's first word was also his favorite; "Ball!" And ever since, playing ball has been his life. You could even argue that it would be hard to imagine Kevin's life without sports. But not for parents John and Stacey. They were there when his story began, so for them, each game is a blessing from God.

"When Kevin was four he started taking in more and more fluids," said John. "It just seemed like something was wrong."

Something was wrong. A trip to the doctor revealed a blood sugar level around 600 and Kevin was diagnosed as a juvenile diabetic. The initial reaction of John and Stacey was the same as most parents. They felt fear.

"It was tough at first because he was our first child, and he was my boy that I was always going to watch play sports," said John. "But we are people of faith, and we always believed in God and put it in his hands."

From there, God took over. Kevin has played just about every sport there is since that day, without incident, and excelled at every level. This past fall, he helped Dewar football achieve one of the school's best seasons in history as an all-district wide-out and corner. Right there along the way, as always, were his parents. They have served as an incredible support system for their son.

"I've always been around the practices because of Kevin's diabetes, and having to watch him with that," said John, noting that honey was always on the ready, especially during football season. "His mom



washed the uniforms, and we put a lot of miles in. We have probably been to every park in the state."

While the football season for Dewar was thrilling, it is baseball that's always been in Kevin's heart. He cut his teeth on the game, like most of his fellow Dewar seniors, under the tutelage of Cornell Roberts. Roberts had coached the same group of boys all the way up from t-ball on. Sadly, Roberts passed away last year. But his presence is definitely felt on this year's team, one of the

best in Dewar history, as his initials are on the Dragons caps.

"He did a lot for us," said Kevin, who along with the team served as pall-bearer at Roberts' funeral. "It's nice to know we have him with us on the field."

And when they are on the field, good things happen. The Dragons are currently one of the top teams in Class A, and have big wins this year over perennial powerhouses Vian, Henryetta and Oktaha. Kevin is one of the best hitters in the state, ranking in the top 10

of all classes in hits and doubles. He is also in the top 10 in pitching wins and strikeouts. Those are numbers that are tough to achieve, even when you're not taking 6-8 shots of insulin a day. They're numbers that are sure to extend his career beyond high school.

"He's gotten a few letters, some try-outs. We're thrilled because college ball has always been a dream of his," said John.

But for the Settlemyres, just being able to watch Kevin play all these years

and to see him afforded the opportunity to enjoy something he loves, has been the biggest thrill. Through it all they kept their faith strong and believed that Kevin's life, through ups and downs, had an ultimate plan.

"To think about from when he was first diagnosed and the feelings we had then, to now, and to see how far he has come, it's been incredible," said Kevin's mother Stacey. "We've been truly blessed."

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